

now define an invention which is not "anticipated" by Song.

Added was the feature of "obtaining a particular variance of noise". We then use this factor, to "enhance" or "suppress" pixel values of the pixels of interest. This is nowhere done in the prior art, and surely not by Song. Our recited invention is thus completely different from the disclosure of Song.

There is no 102 "anticipation" any longer.

SECTION 103 REJECTION TRAVERSED

The various subclaims were rejected under Sec 103 as being "unpatentable" over SONG, MAKITA and FLORENT. As to FLORENT, the rejection using such secondary reference was directed to subclaims, which are now made dependent from allowed claims. Hence, there is no need to further discuss FLORENT.

As above discussed, the main claims have been distinguished over Song. Makita clearly does not show or make obvious any use of the "variance in noise" as a factor to measure and use as a standard for "enhancing" or "suppressing" pixel values of a pixel of interest. Accordingly, even if combined, the combined teachings of Song and Makita, would still not make obvious the inventions of the sub-claims. Accordingly, the rejections under 103 would fail to meet the legal test and must fall.

Accordingly, all of the sub-claims are also allowable.

SECTION 112 OBJECTIONS

As to the "computer recording medium", in claims 55, applicant has amended the preamble to be along the lines suggested by the Examiner. Moreover, these claims now claims 82-84 comprises the same features as the other claims discussed herein, and are equally

as allowable therefor.

In view of the objections made to the wording "significant", applicant has removed such wording. Also, the alternative "maintain" has been removed to clarify the "enhancing" and "suppressing" features.

The claims are now all free of 112 problems and are believed allowable on the merits.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully solicited.

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